GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:242
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2016
Extortion by Naxalites
Devi Smt. Rama;Giluwa Shri Laxman

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of extortion and kidnapping have been reported in the naxal affected areas;

(b) if so, the number of extortion and kidnapping committed by the naxalites, the number of persons killed and the number of guilty persons arrested for such incidents during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether incidents of damage to property/infrastructure have also been reported in these areas;

(d) if so, the details of such incidents reported, quantum of damage and guilty persons arrested during the above period, State-wise; and

(e) the corrective measures being taken by the Government to check such cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*242 FOR 15.03.2016.

(a) to (e): 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects, action with respect to maintenance of law and order lies primarily in the domain of the State Governments concerned. Cases related to extortion and damage to property/ economic infrastructure are registered, investigated and prosecuted by the State Governments concerned.

According to reports, Left Wing Extremists groups, particularly the CPI(Maoist), reportedly resort to extortion from industrialists, businessmen and contractors. The State-wise details of total incidents of kidnapping by the LWE and resultant killings during the last three years and in the current year are at Annexure-1. The details of cases of extortion by LWE groups and the numbers of persons arrested/killed in the cases of abductions and extortions are not centrally maintained.

The State-wise details of damage to economic infrastructure by the Left Wing Extremists during the last three years and in the current year are given at Annexure-2. This includes attacks on mobile towers, mining
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infrastructure, railway properties, Government buildings, schools, roads, bridges, etc. The quantum of damage to economic infrastructure and persons arrested in these incidents are not centrally maintained.

The Central Government closely monitors the situation and has a multi-pronged strategy towards combating LWE including security related measures; development related interventions; and ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities.

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